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Program: Piledriver and Bridgeworker

To: ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
System Liaison Person
School Districts

Subject: **Piledriver and Bridgeworker Level 2**
Launch of an ITA Standardized Level Exam

RE: **OPSN 2016 021**

Effective Date: April 1st, 2017

Summary: ITA is introducing a standardized exam for **Level 2** of the **Piledriver and Bridgeworker** program. Classes of apprentice technical training for **Level 2** of the **Piledriver and Bridgeworker** program that begin after April 1st, 2017 will be required to sit an ITA Level Exam. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

Rationale: ITA is implementing this Standardized Level Exam as part of an assessment strategy to ensure consistent outcomes at Level 2 for apprentices throughout BC.

General Information

Scheduling Exams: Exams are to be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. Training providers are required to complete an ITA Exam Request Form six-to-eight weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. ITA will invigilate these exams unless other arrangements are organized between ITA's Exam Department and the training provider.

Calculating Final Percentage Scores For ITA Level Exams

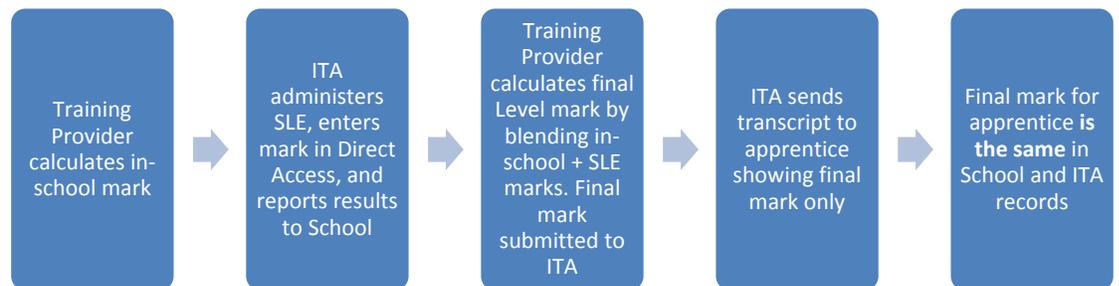
Process – effective October 1, 2014 (*refer to Figure 1*)

- ITA administers the SLE, records the mark in Direct Access, and reports it to the school. The apprentice is **not** notified when the SLE mark is entered.
- Training providers weight and blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the Level (or as indicated in the Assessment Guidelines). That final, blended mark is reported to ITA by the school and recorded in Direct Access.

- Direct Access reports the school's final blended mark for the Level to the apprentice as a single percentage score.
- Once the final Level mark is entered in Direct Access, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark. All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final Level mark is reported on the ITA transcript.

A percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass when the final in-school percentage score and the final ITA Level exam percentage score are blended.

Figure 1. Process for calculating and reporting marks for technical training with SLE



ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam

Certification exam results are **not** blended with in-school technical training results in the final Level of the program. ITA Certificate of Qualification exams remain stand-alone program completion requirements.

In order to achieve certification, **Piledriver and Bridgeworker** apprentices are required to write the **Certificate of Qualification** exam after their final level of technical training.

To be eligible to write the certification exam, apprentices must have passed all Levels of in-school technical training. Certification exams are requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure

A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass on certification exams.

ITA administers and invigilates the certification exams and records exam results in ITA Direct Access.

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